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TO AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM IRN

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS:EFIN, IR

SUBJECT: WORLD BANK AND IRANIAN ECONOMIC PLANNING

REFERENCE: TEHRAN 10290

1. HAVE CONTACTED AMBASSADOR AMOUZEGAR RE POSSIBILITY OF WORLD BANK ASSISTANCE ON IRANIAN PLANNING.
2. AMOUZEGAR REVEALED THAT HE HAD BEEN WITH MINISTER YEGANEH WHEN LATTER MET WITH IBRD PRESIDENT MCNAMARA EARLIER THIS FALL TO DISCUSS "NEW DIRECTIONS IN IRANIAN PLANNING," I.E. PLANS OF WHAT DURATION (5 YEARS OR LONGER OR OF NO DURATION), SCOPE OF THE PLANNING FUNCTION, RESPONSIBILITY FOR PLAN IMPLEMENTATION, ETC. MCNAMARA HAD AGREED TO PROVIDE NAMES OF SOME PEOPLE THAT MIGHT BE OF ASSISTANCE TO THE GOI, AND HE HAD PROVIDED THEM. AMOUZEGAR DID NOT INDICATE WHETHER THE IRANIANS HAD CONTACTED ANY OF THE PEOPLE RECOMMENDED BY MCNAMARA, BUT NOTED THAT THE "BANK" WAS HELPING IRAN ON A  
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"MICRO-ECONOMIC STUDY" (NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED). PERHAPS THE GOI USED A BANK-RECOMMENDED EXPERT ON THAT PROBLEM.

3. AMOUZEGAR WENT ON TO RELATE HIS MEETINGS IN IRAN WITH GOI OFFICIALS AND EMBASSY REPS AT WHICH THE SUBJECT OF PLANNING HAD BEEN DISCUSSED AND THEN STATED THAT THERE WAS NOTHING PENDING, AT THIS TIME, RE THE COMPREHENSIVE,

DETAILED LOOK AT IRAN LONG-TERM THAT YOU HAVE IN MIND. WHEN ADVISED OF MCNAMARA'S REMARKS TO YOU AND SUGGESTION THAT AMOUZEGAR MIGHT PURSUE SUBJECT DIRECTLY WITH MCNAMARA, AMOUZEGAR NOTED THAT HE WAS ALREADY IN REGULAR CONTACT WITH MCNAMARA. HE THEN REITERATED, HOWEVER, THAT HE DID NOT ANTICIPATE ANY IBRD INVOLVEMENT IN IRANIAN MACROECONOMIC PLANNING AT THIS TIME, NOTING THAT THERE ARE OTHER MATTERS, SUCH AS "BASIC POLITICAL PRIORITIES," THAT MUST BE ADDRESSED FIRST. HE DID NOT ELABORATE.

4. AMOUZEGAR CONCLUDED BY THANKING YOU FOR YOUR WORK, SAYING HE APPRECIATES YOUR EFFORTS; HE IS IN CONTACT WITH MCNAMARA, BUT IS NOT PURSUING WITH THE IBRD THE SUBJECT OF ASSISTANCE ON IRANIAN MACROECONOMIC PLANNING.

5. SEEMS FAIRLY CERTAIN THAT IDEA OF IBRD STUDY OF THE FUTURE IRAN IS NOT GOING TO GET ANY PUSH FROM THIS END, AT LEAST NOT FROM AMBASSADOR AMOUZEGAR. AFRAID THAT IDEA IS GOING TO HAVE TO ROOT WITHIN THE GOI IN IRAN. IF, MOREOVER, AMOUZEGAR IS STRONGLY OPPOSED TO THE IDEA (DIFFICULT TO TELL OVER THE PHONE, BUT HIS NEGATIVE ATTITUDE SEEMED TO BE STRONGER THAN MERE DISINTEREST), IT'S UNDOUBTEDLY GOING TO TAKE A VERY STRONG PUSH FROM TEHRAN TO TURN HIM AROUND. CHRISTOPHER

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